GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants- R&B Department - Allegations of irregularities committed in execution of work "Construction of Major Bridge across Vynatheya Branch of River Godavari at KM 105.00 of Kathipudi - Pamarru road of NH - 214" against Sri. N.M. Potha Raju, the then EE (R&B) NH Division, Kakinada (now Rtd) Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Inquiry conducted - Imposing of punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period one year - Orders - Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (VIG.R&B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 115 Dated: 13-03-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No. 294, T,R &B (Vig.R&B) Dept., dt. 23.08.2017.
2. From the ENC(R&B) Administration, Lr.No. 2084/VC(1)/2016, Dt:18-01-2018 along with Written statement of defense of Sri A.Ramakrishna Rao, the then EE., (R&B), N.H., Divn., Kakinada (now Rtd)
3. From the Inquiry Authority, D.O.Lr.No.144/COI-RPS/2019, dated 30.12.2020.
4. Memo.No.21021/20/Vig(R&B)/2018, TR&B(VIG.R&B) Dept, Dated. 10/02/2021.
5. From ENC R&B) Administration, A.P. Letter No.2084/TRB02-ADMN0MISP/29/2020-VIG SEC-AB. ADMN(1223388), dated 16.10.2023.

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ORDER:-

In the G.O.1st read above, an inquiry was ordered against Sri. N.M. Potha Raju, the then EE (R&B) NH Division, Kakinada (now Retd) for the irregularities committed in execution of work "Construction of Major Bridge across Vynatheya Branch of River Godavari at KM 105.00 of Kathipudi - Pamarru road of NH - 214".

2. The Inquiry Authority, vide reference 3rd read above, has submitted his enquiry report. The Inquiry Report was communicated to the charged officer, under Rule 21(2) of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991, to make representation, if any vide reference 4th read above. The charged officer has failed to submit his written statement of defence within stipulated time.

3. Government have examined the findings of the Inquiry Authority and it is observed that the Charged Officer had failed to impose liquidated damages for slow progress of work, though the reasons are attributable to the contractor causing loss of Rs.5,64,51,817/- to the Govt. exchequer in respect of the work of "Construction of Major Bridge across Vynatheya Branch of River Godavari at KM 105.00 of Kathipudi -Pamarru road of NH - 214" taken up by R&B Dept. in East Godavari District and payment for substandard work i.e. Cement Concrete (M.35 grade), liable for rejection in respect of the work of "Construction of Major Bridge across Vynatheya Branch of River Godavari at KM 105.00 of Kathipudi - Pamarru road of NH - 214" taken up by R&B Dept. in E.G. District. The value of rejected work is Rs.4,66,558/- and provisionally decided, to impose punishment of Five percent (5%) cut in pension for a period one (1) year against Sri. N.M. Potha Raju, the then EE (R&B) NH Division, Kakinada (now Rtd) under APRP Rules, 1980.

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4. Accordingly, show cause notice was issued, in the reference 4th read above to the Charged Officer i.e., Sri A.Ramakrishna Rao, the then EE., (R&B), N.H., Divn., Kakinada (now Retd) duly indicating proposed punishment. The charged officer has failed to his written statement of defence within stipulated time.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose the punishment of Five percent (5%) cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri. N.M. Potha Raju, the then EE (R&B)NH Division, Kakinada (now Rtd.), as he is failed to impose liquidated damages for slow progress of work, though the reasons are attributable to the contractor causing loss of Rs.5,64,51,817/- to the Govt. exchequer in respect of the work of "Construction of Major Bridge across Vynatheya Branch of River Godavari at KM 105.00 of Kathipudi -Pamarru road of NH - 214" taken up by R&B Dept. in East Godavari District payment for substandard work i.e. Cement Concrete (M.35 grade), liable for rejection in respect of the work of "Construction of Major Bridge across Vynatheya Branch of River Godavari at KM 105.00 of Kathipudi-Pamarru road of NH - 214" taken up by R&B Dept. in E.G. District. The value of rejected work is Rs.4,66,558/-.

6. The Engineer-In-Chief (R&B) Administration, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri. N.M. Potha Raju, the then EE (R&B) NH Division, Kakinada (now Rtd) (through Engineer-In-Chief (R&B) Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada).

Copy to:

The Engineer-In-Chief (R&B) Administration, Vijayawada.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.

The Accountant General Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER